

A RESOLUTION to honor Charles H. Dean, Jr., for a lifetime of
exemplary public service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should honor those citizens who because of their dependability and expertise have become invaluable servants of their respective communities and who, through their own dedication and diligence, have realized important milestones in their distinguished careers; and

WHEREAS, Charles H. Dean, Jr., through all his endeavors, has proven himself to be a stalwart servant of Tennessee and his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dean attended the University of Tennessee until he received a distinguished appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, where he graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in engineering and earned his professional engineering certificate; and

WHEREAS, an astute professional and lauded utility expert, Mr. Dean served the Knoxville Utilities Board with unparalleled devotion for 23 years, including 10 years as the Board's third General Manager, and

WHEREAS, recognizing his exceptional credentials, wealth of knowledge and competence as a public administrator, President Ronald Reagan appointed Mr. Dean Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Charles Dean sagaciously led both agencies, the Knoxville Utilities Board and the Tennessee Valley Authority, through some of their most challenging years while ensuring that the best interests of millions of utility customers were never compromised; and

WHEREAS, colleagues and associates note that he has served utility customers in Tennessee and throughout the Southeast with the "highest standard of commitment, dedication

and integrity” and he has “nurtured, mentored and encouraged students in their utility-related education”; and

WHEREAS, for many years Mr. Dean has been an advocate of and participant in a number of educational and development programs at the University of Tennessee, including the Chancellor’s Associates, the Development Council, the Tennessee Tomorrow Fund Raising Campaign and the Partners in Achievement effort; and

WHEREAS, knowing the value of engineers and the role they play in the future of our great state and nation, Mr. Dean unselfishly gives of his time and talents to the Bridge to the Future campaign for UT’s College of Engineering and serves as a volunteer employee in the nuclear engineering department where he is a student recruiter, working to provide supplemental educational opportunities for young students through a high school outreach program; and

WHEREAS, as an eager participant in professional responsibilities, Mr. Dean contributes his expertise to the Board of Directors of the Environmental Systems Corporation, a local engineering consulting company; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished professional career, Mr. Dean has emphasized ever-important training programs, educational opportunities and improvement of employees’ abilities to perform their work and qualify themselves for advancement; and

WHEREAS, also involved in civic and community affairs, Mr. Dean has been an active member of the Knoxville Civitan Club for more than 35 years, including service as the Club’s President where he faithfully attends each week with his daughter, Helen Dean Bruner and son, James M. Dean, who are also members; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his many accomplishments, Mr. Dean has also had the advice, assistance and companionship of his dedicated and loving wife of 47 years, Mrs. Lottie Lavender Dean; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Mr. Dean’s numerous accomplishments recognized herein, he is also celebrated in his community for his many superb traits and attributes, not the least of

which are his excellent organizational skills, his tireless sense of humor, his contagious enthusiasm and his love of poetry, all of which have enamored him with his family and many friends who affectionately refer to Mr. Dean as “Chili”; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Mr. Dean’s exemplary public service and unflagging commitment to excellence, the Knoxville Utilities Board, the Tennessee Valley Authority, Environmental Systems Corporation and the Knoxville Civitan Club have established the Charles H. Dean, Jr., Scholarship Endowment in the University of Tennessee, College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the Knoxville community and the state of Tennessee have benefited greatly from Mr. Dean’s dedication and devotion, and he, is therefore, richly deserving of the respect and commendation of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and commend Charles H. Dean, Jr. for his many achievements as a professional and community leader, thank him for his many years of exemplary service to the citizens of Tennessee, congratulate him on the establishment of the Scholarship Endowment in his honor, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.